

UNIFORM RULES OF COURT  
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF KERN

**SUPERIOR COURT/Metro/Presiding/General Trial Courts**

<b>Dept 1 - Lee P. Felice, Presiding - Master Calendar Call</b>	
<u>Monday-Thursday</u> 8:30 Sentencings Civil Matters 9:00 Trial Calendar 1:30 Sentencings	<u>Friday</u> 8:30 Sentencings Civil Matters 9:00 Readiness
<b>Dept 2 - Clarence Westra, Jr.</b>	
<u>Monday-Friday</u> 8:30 Sentencings 9:00 General Trial Calendar	
<b>Dept 3 - Gary T. Friedman</b>	
<u>Monday-Thursday</u> 8:30 Sentencings 9:00 General Trial	<u>Friday</u> 9:00-2:30 Settlement Conferences
<b>Dept 5 - Richard J. Oberholzer</b>	
<u>Monday-Friday</u> 8:30 Sentencings 9:00 General Trial, CEQA	<u>1st Friday of Month</u> 2:00 Appellate Calendar (1st Backup)
<b>Dept. 8 -Jerold L. Turner</b>	
<u>Monday-Friday</u> 8:30 Sentencings 9:00 General Trial	
<b>Dept 9 - John I. Kelly</b>	<b>Dept. J4 - Jon E. Stuebbe</b>
<u>Monday-Friday</u> 8:30 Sentencings Writs of Habeas Corpus 9:00 General Trial	<u>Monday-Friday</u> 8:30 Sentencings 9:00 General Trial

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**SUPERIOR COURT/Metro/Direct Calendar**

Tentative Rulings: [http://www.co.kern.ca.us/courts/tentative\\_rulings.asp](http://www.co.kern.ca.us/courts/tentative_rulings.asp)

<b>Dept 4 - Sidney P. Chapin</b>		Tentative Rulings (see above for URL)	
<u>Monday-Friday</u> 8:00 Ex Parte/CMC/OTA 8:30 L&M/Default OSC 9:00 Trials			
<b>Dept. 6 - Arthur E. Wallace</b>		Tentative Rulings (see above for URL)	
<u>Monday thru Thursday</u> 8:00 Ex-Parte/CMC/OTA 8:30 L&M/Default /OSC 9:00 Trials		<u>Friday</u> 8:00 Ex Parte/CMC/OTA 8:30 L&M/Default /OSC 9:00-12:00 Settlement Conferences 1:30-4:30 Final Case Management	
<b>Dept. 14 - Linda S. Etienne</b>		No Tentative Rulings	
<u>Monday thru Thursday</u> 8:30 Small Claim Appeals (odd numbers) 8:30 Ex Parte 8:30 NFT-L&M/Default OSC 8:30 Ex Parte/CMC (unlimited) 9:30 Trials		<u>Friday</u> 9:00-12:00 Settlement Conferences 1:30 Final Case Management	
<b>Dept 15 - Louis P. Etcheverry</b>		No Tentative Rulings	
<u>Monday-Thursday</u> 8:30 Ex Parte/CMC/OTA/SC L&M/Default OSC 9:00-4:30 Trials		<u>Friday</u> 9:00-12:00 Settlement Conferences 1:30 Final Case Management	
<b>Dept. 17 - William Palmer</b>			
<u>Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays</u> 8:30 L&M/Name Change/Harassment 9:00 Small Claims Trials 10:30 Unlawful Detainer Trials 1:30 Small Claims Trials and Unlawful Detainer Trials		<u>Friday</u> 8:30 L&M/Name Change/Harassment 9:00 Settlement Conferences 10:00 Settlement Conferences 11:00 Settlement Conferences 1:30 Settlement Conferences 2:30 Settlement Conferences	
<u>Wednesday</u> 8:30 L&M/Name Change/Harassment 9:00 Small Claims Trials 10:30 Unlawful Detainer Trials 1:30 Labor Appeals & Unlawful Detainer Case Mgmt.			

**LEGEND OF ABBREVIATIONS**

CMC	Case Management Conference
FCM	Final Case Management
L&M	Law and Motion
NFT	Non-Fast Track
OSC	Order to Show Cause
OTA	Order to Appear
SC	Settlement Conference

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**SUPERIOR COURT/Metro/Felony Team**

<b>Dept. 7 - James M. Stuart</b>	
8:30 Preliminary Hearings	1st Friday of Month 2:00 Appellate Calendar (2nd backup)
<b>Dept. 10 - Michael B. Lewis</b>	
9:00 Pre-Preliminary Hearings	
<b>Dept 11 - Michael G. Bush</b>	
Monday thru Friday	
8:30 Sentencings/Preliminary (backup) 9:00 General Trial	
<b>Dept. 12 - Frank A. Hoover</b>	
8:30 Criminal Calendar 8:30 Felony Arraignments 10:00 Criminal Calendar 1:30 Revocations 3:00 Arraignments	1st Friday of Month 2:00 Presiding, Appellate Calendar
<b>Dept 13 - Charles P. McNutt</b>	
Monday - Friday	
8:30 Prop 36 Calendar 11:00 Progress Hearings 1:30 Revocations - Prop. 36 3:00 Prop. 36	1st Friday of Month 2:00 Asst. Presiding, Appellate Calendar

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**SUPERIOR COURT/Metro Justice Division - Family Law/Probate**

<b>Div. A - Sharon Mettler</b>	<b>Div. B - Robert Tafoya - Asst. Supv.</b>	<b>Div C - H. A. "Skip" Staley - Supervising</b>
8:30 Family Law (Small Claims backup)	Monday thru Friday 8:30 Family Law CEQA	8:30 Paternity; OSC's; Trials 8:30 Settlement Conferences (Thursday) 11:00 Ex Parte Matters 1:30 Adoptions/Abandonments (Friday)
<b>Div. D - James L. Compton (Comm)</b>	<b>Div. E - Louie L. Vega (Comm)</b>	<b>Div F - Ralph L. McKnight, Jr. (Comm)</b>
8:30 Family Law/Paternity/Defaults	<u>Monday - Thursday</u> 9:00 Small Claim Appeals <u>Monday - Friday</u> 9:00 Probate <u>Friday Only</u> 9:00 Compliance Hearings; Minor's Compromise 10:00 MSC/matters as assigned 11:00 MSC/matters as assigned 1:30 MSC/matters as assigned	8:15 Family Support

**SUPERIOR COURT/Metro Justice Division - Criminal Misdemeanor**

<b>Div G - John L. Fielder (Supv.)</b>	<b>Div. H -Stephen P. Gildner</b>	<b>Div. K - Colette Humphrey</b>
<u>Monday thru Friday</u> 8:30 Out-of-Custody Misd. Arraign. 1:30 In-Custody Misd. Arraign. 3:00 Prop. 36 & Exclusion Hrgs Probable Cause Declaration Review	<u>Monday thru Thursday</u> 8:30 Jury Trials- Misdemeanor <u>Friday</u> 8:30 Pretrials 1:30 Pretrials	<u>Monday thru Thursday</u> 8:30 Misdemeanor Jury Trial Cal. 8:30 L&M/Probation Revocation <u>Friday</u> 8:30 Pretrials 1:30 Pretrials Misdemeanor Duty
<b>Div. J - Charles B. Pfister</b>	<b>Div T -Patrick M. Alderete</b>	
9:00 Jury Trials	<u>Traffic Court (Monday-Friday)</u> 8:30 Continued Arraignments 9:00 Walk-In Arraignments 9:30 Motions 10:00 Trials 11:00 Appeals (Proposed Statement) 1:00 Continued Arraignments 1:15 PC 1214.1 Hearings 1:30 Walk-In Arraignments 2:30 Trials 3:00 Trial by Declarations 3:30 Juvenile Traffic Arraignments 4:00 Trials by Declaration	<u>Night Court (2nd/4th Wednesday)</u> 5:30 Continued Arraignments 6:00 Walk-In Arraignments

**LEGEND OF ABBREVIATIONS**

MSC Mandatory Settlement Conference  
OSC Order to Show Cause

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**SUPERIOR COURT/Metro/Juvenile Division**

<b>MONDAY</b>				
8:30	Dept. J2 & J3	Dependency Hearings	Dept. J1	Delinquency
1:30	Dept. J2 & J3 Dept. J2 Dept. J3	Dependency Hearings Truancy Delinquency (Initial Detentions)	Dept. J1	Delinquency
<b>TUESDAY</b>				
8:30	Dept. J2 & J3	Dependency Hearings	Dept. J1	Delinquency
1:30	Dept. J2 & J3 Dept. J2 Dept. J3	Dependency Hearings STOP Delinquency (Initial Detentions)	Dept. J1	Delinquency
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>				
8:30	Dept. J2 & J3	Dependency Hearings	Dept. J1	Delinquency
1:30	Dept. J2 & J3 Dept. J2 Dept. J3	Dependency Hearings Mental Health Delinquency (Initial Detentions)	Dept. J1	Delinquency
<b>THURSDAY</b>				
8:30	Dept. J2 & J3	Dependency Hearings	Dept. J1	Delinquency
1:30	Dept. J2 & J3 Dept. J2 Dept. J3	Dependency Hearings Juvenile Informal Delinquency (Initial Detentions)	Dept. J1	Delinquency
<b>FRIDAY</b>				
8:30	Dept. J2 & J3	Dependency Hearings	Dept. J1	Delinquency
1:30	Dept. J2 & J3 Dept. J2	Dependency Hearings Appellate Calendar 1st Fri of each month	Dept. J1	Delinquency
1:30 & 2:30	Dept. J3	Adoptions alternate Fridays		
<u>Monday thru Friday</u> Dept. J4 As assigned by Dept. 1				

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**NORTH KERN SUPERIOR COURT/Shafter-Wasco Branch**

	Courtroom A	Courtroom B
Monday	8:30, 8:45 Court Trial/Trial De Novo 9:00 Trials/Felony Sentencings/Mtns 9:10 Preliminary Hearings 9:30 Pre-Trials/Readiness 9:45 Pre-Preliminary Hearings 1:30 Preliminary Hearings	9:00 Sentencing, Misc. Returns Continued Arraignments 9:05 Arraignments 9:30 Jury Trials 10:00 Walk Ins: Add-on I/C 11:00 Formal Revo Hearings 1:15 Ex Parte Hearings 2:00 Walk Ins: Add-on I/C
Tuesday	8:30, 8:45 Court Trial/Trial De Novo 9:00 Sentencing, Cont'd Arr, Misc 9:05 Arraignments 9:30 Pre-Trial Motions 11:00 Formal Revo Hearings 1:15 Ex Parte Hearings 1:30 Drug Court/Prop 36/PC1000 2:00 Walk Ins: Add-on 3:30 Juveniles	DARK
Wednesday	8:30, 8:45 Court Trial/Trial De Novo 9:00 Felony Sentencing/Mtns 9:10 Preliminary Hearings 9:15 Drug Court/Prop 36/PC1000 9:30 Pre-Trials/Readiness 9:45 Pre Preliminary Hearing 11:00 Formal Revo Hearings 1:30 Preliminary Hearings/ Revo Hearings 1:35 Arraignments 3:00 State Prison Arraignments/ Preliminary Hearings	9:00 Sentencing Continued Arraignments 9:05 Arraignments 10:00 Walk Ins: Add-ons In Custody Small Claims 1:15 Ex Parte Hearings 1:30 Civil/Family Law 2:00 Unlawful Detainers
Thursday	8:30, 8:45 Court Trial/Trial De Novo 9:00 Sentencing, Cont'd Arr, Misc 9:05 Arraignments 9:15 Drug Court (returns) 9:20 Domestic Violence 9:30 Pre-Trials 11:00 Formal Revo Hearings 1:15 Ex Parte Hearings	DARK
Friday	8:30, 8:45 Court Trials/Trial De Novo 9:00 Sentencing, Cont'd Arr, Misc 9:05 Arraignments 9:15 Drug Court (returns) 10:00 Walk Ins: Add-ons, I/C 10:30 CPS 1:30 Court Trials 2:00 Arraignments 2:30 CPS 1:30 Court Trials	1:15 Ex Parte Hearings 1:30 Court Trials 1:45 Court Trials 2:00 CPS

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**NORTH KERN SUPERIOR COURT/Delano-McFarland Branch**

	<b>Courtroom A</b>	<b>Courtroom B</b>
Monday	8:30 I/C Arraignments Walk Ins PC/HS Arraignments 9:00 Ex-Parte Hrngs (Family Law) 10:00 Sentencings 1:30 Family Law/Civil Harrassments State Prison Arraignments I/C & O/C Arraignments 2:00 State Prison Preliminary Hrgs	DARK (AM)     1:30 Small Claims
Tuesday	8:35 Pre-Preliminary Hearings 9:00 Ex-Parte Hrngs (Family Law) Deferred Entry of Judgment 9:30 Cervantes Hearings Felony Plea/Sentencing Motions 10:00 Preliminary Hearings Formal Revo's	8:30 I/C Arraignments Walk Ins 9:00 Pre-Trial (PRV/ I/Cs) 10:00 Readiness 10:30 Pre-Trial/PRV Private Co Pre-Trial/Pro Per (O/C)
Wednesday	8:30 I/C Arraignments Walk Ins DUI/Traffic Arraignments 9:00 Criminal Court Trials Ex-Parte Hrngs (Family Law) 9:30 Pre-Trial/PD (out of custody) 10:00 Jury Trials 1:30 Family Law/Civil Harrassments I/C & O/C Arraignments 2:00 Court Trials Probation Hearings	DARK
Thursday	8:30 I/C Arraignments Walk Ins Traffic Arraignments 9:00 Ex-Parte Hrngs (Family Law) 10:00 Traffic Court Trials Sentencings Jury Trials (cont'd) 1:30 I/C Arraignments 3:00 Juvenile Arraignments 3:15 Juvenile Court Trials	8:35 Pre-Preliminary Hearings 9:00 Exclusion Hearings Mental Health Formal Revo's 9:30 Cervantes Hearings Felony Plea/Sentencing Motions 10:00 Preliminary Hearings 1:30 Drug Court/Prop 36
Friday	8:30 I/C Arraignments Jury Trials Long Cause Pre-Lim 9:00 Ex-Parte Hrngs (Family Law) 10:00 Civil Trials, CMC, MSC Non-Stipulated Small Claims Small Claims Appeals 1:30 I/C Arraignments 2:00 Long Cause Pre-Lim Matters Long Cause Civil Matters Long Cause Family Law Matters	8:30 Traffic Arraignments 9:00 Prop 36 10:30 Traffic Court Trials     DARK (PM)

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**SOUTH KERN SUPERIOR COURT/Arvin-Lamont Branch**

	Courtroom A	Courtroom B
Monday	8:00 Walk-ins 8:30 Sentencing>Returns/Misc (Private Atty or Pro Per cases) 8:31 Sentencing>Returns (PD cases) 8:40 Pre-Trials (PAs or Pro Per cases) 8:41 Pre-trials (PD cases) 8:50 I/C cases (PAs or Pro Per cases) 8:51 I/C cases (PD cases) 8:55 Arraignments 1:30 Juvenile matters	8:00 Walk-in Traffic Court 8:30 Family Law Matters Ex-parte (Family Law Matters)
Tuesday	8:30 Sentencing>Returns/Misc (Private Atty or Pro Per cases) 8:31 Sentencing>Returns (PD cases) 8:40 Pre-Trials (PAs or Pro Per cases) 8:41 Pre-trials (PD cases) 8:50 I/C cases (PAs or Pro Per cases) 8:51 I/C cases (PD cases) 9:00 Preliminary Hearings 1:30 Criminal Readiness Hearings Reporter	8:00 Walk-in Traffic Court 8:30 Ex-parte (Family Law Matters) 8:55 Arraignments  1:30 Court Trials
Wednesday	8:30 Sentencing>Returns/Misc (Private Atty or Pro Per cases) 8:31 Sentencing>Returns (PD cases) 8:40 Pre-Trials (PAs or Pro Per cases) 8:41 Pre-trials (PD cases) 8:50 I/C cases (PAs or Pro Per cases) 8:51 I/C cases (PD cases) Reporter	8:00 Walk-in Traffic Court 8:30 Ex-parte (Family Law Matters) 8:55 Arraignments  1:30 Court Trials 2:15 Small Claims/Civil
Thursday	8:30 Sentencings>Returns/Misc/Prop 36 (Private Atty or Pro Per cases) 8:31 Sentencing>Returns (PD cases) 8:40 Pre-Trials (PAs or Pro Per cases) 8:41 Pre-trials (PD cases) 8:50 I/C cases (PAs or Pro Per cases) 8:51 I/C cases (PD cases) 9:00 Jury Trials	8:00 Walk-in Traffic Court 8:30 Ex-parte (Family Law Matters) 8:55 Arraignments 9:00 Jury Trials 1:30 Small Claims/Civil
Friday	8:30 Sentencings>Returns/Misc (Private Atty or Pro Per cases) 8:31 Sentencing>Returns (PD cases) 8:40 Pre-Trials (PAs or Pro Per cases) 8:41 Pre-trials (PD cases) 8:50 I/C cases (PAs or Pro Per cases) 8:51 I/C cases (PD cases) 8:55 Arraignments 9:00 Jury Trials	8:00 Walk-in Traffic Court 8:30 Ex-parte (Family Law Matters) 8:30 Court Trials (PAs)



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**SOUTH KERN SUPERIOR COURT/Taft-Maricopa Branch**

	Courtroom A
Monday	8:30 Arraignments 8:30 Walk-ins 9:00 Court Trials 10:00 Pre-Trials 10:00 I/C cases 10:00 Readiness/In Limine 10:00 Sentencing/Returns 11:00 Prop 36 1:30 Small Claims/Civil
Tuesday	8:30 Arraignments/Walk-ins 10:00 Jury Trials 10:00 Pre-Trials 10:00 I/C cases 10:00 Sentencing/Returns
Wednesday	8:30 Arraignments/Walk-ins 10:00 Pre-Trials 10:00 I/C cases 10:00 Sentencing/Returns 3:30 Juvenile Calendar (1st & 3rd Wed.)
Thursday	8:30 Arraignments/Walk-ins 10:00 L&M 10:00 Pre-Trials 10:00 I/C cases 10:00 Preliminary Hearings 10:00 Sentencing/Returns (Reporter)
Friday	8:30 Arraignments/Walk-ins 9:00 Court Trials 10:00 Pre-Trials 10:00 I/C cases 10:00 Preliminary Hearings

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**EAST KERN SUPERIOR COURT/Ridgecrest Branch**

	Courtroom A	Courtroom B
Monday	9:00 Arraignments (Out-of-Custodies) 9:00 Jury Trials (1st & 3rd Monday) 10:30 In-Custody Arraignments  3:15 Juvenile Traffic	9:30 Traffic Trials 10:00 Small Claims  1:15 Ex Parte hearings 1:30 Family Law (Special Settings)
Tuesday	9:00 Arraignments 10:30 In-Custody Arraignments Pre-Trials Pre-Preliminary Hearings Preliminary Hearings Bail Reviews Sentencings Misc. Criminal Motions/Hearings	9:00 Judge in East Kern/Kern River Branch 1:30 Family Support 1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Wednesday	Judge in East Kern/Kern River Branch	8:30 Family Law (General Calendar) 1:15 Ex Parte hearings
Thursday	9:00 Arraignments 10:30 In-Custody Arraignments Pre-Trials Pre-Preliminary Hearings Preliminary Hearings Bail Reviews Sentencings Misc. Criminal Motions/Hearings	9:00 Family Law (Special Settings) 1:30 Family Law (Special Settings)
Friday	9:00 Pre-trials (Out-of-Custodies) 9:00 Readiness (Out-of-Custodies)  1:30 Family Law (Special Settings)	9:00 Family Law (Special Settings) 10:30 Civil (General calendar) 1:15 Ex Parte hearings 1:30 Family Law (Special Settings)

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**EAST KERN SUPERIOR COURT/Mojave Branch**

	Courtroom A	Courtroom B
Monday	9:00 Traffic 9:00 Arraignments 11:00 Walk-Ins 1:30 Pretrial NIC	9:00 Family Law (General Calendar)
Tuesday	9:00 Traffic 9:00 Arraignments 11:00 Walk-Ins 11:00 Bail Review	<u>1st and 3rd Tuesdays:</u> 9:00 Civil Case Management and Settlement Conferences 1:30 Judge in East Kern/Ridgecrest Branch  <u>2nd and 4th Tuesdays:</u> 9:00 Jury Trials 1:30 Civil Case Management and Settlement Conferences
Wednesday	9:00 Traffic 9:00 Arraignments 11:00 Walk-Ins 11:00 Bail Review 11:00 Prop.36 1:30 Pre-Trials; IC; Pre-Prelims.	9:00 Family Law (Special Settings) 1:15 Family Law Ex Parte Hearings 1:30 Family Law (Special Settings)
Thursday	9:00 Traffic 9:00 Arraignments 11:00 Walk-Ins 11:00 Bail Review 11:00 Sentencings 1:30 Pre-Trials IC's 1:30 Out-of-Custody Readiness	9:00 Traffic Trials 10:30 Small Claims 1:15 Family Law Ex Parte Hearings 1:30 Civil Law & Motion and Court Trials
Friday	9:00 Traffic 9:00 Arraignments 11:00 Walk-Ins 11:00 Bail Review 11:00 In-Custody Readiness	9:00 Traffic 9:00 Arraignments NIC 11:00 Walk-Ins 11:45 CCI Video Arraignments 1:30 In-Custody Readiness 2:00 Juvenile Traffic (1st & 3rd Fridays) 3:00 (Dark 'til further notice) Tehachapi - Small Claims (2nd & 4th Fridays)

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**EAST KERN SUPERIOR COURT/Kern River Branch**

Courtroom A		
Monday	"DARK"	All East Division In-Custody cases go to the Ridgecrest Court except when a Kern River trial confirms on a 2nd Monday of the month, then all In-Custodies go to Kern River.
Tuesday	9:00	All Out-of-Custody Arraignments Infraction Traffic/Non-Traffic Misdemeanors Felonies 10:30 Traffic Court Trials 11:00 Small Claims 1:30 Civil 3:30 Juvenile Traffic (Every other Tuesday.)
Wednesday	9:00	In-Custody Arraignments Pre-Trials Pre-Preliminary Hearings Preliminary Hearings Bail Reviews Sentencings Misc. Criminal Motions/Hearings
Thursday	"DARK"	
Friday	"DARK"	

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**COURTCALL**

**SUPERIOR COURT - METROPOLITAN DIVISION**

Judicial Officer	Courtroom:
Judge Friedman	Department 3
Judge Chapin	Department 4
Judge Wallace	Department 6 (L&M; CMC; Ex-parte)
Comm. Etienne	Department 14
Judge Etcheverry	Department 15
Comm. Palmer	Department 17

**SUPERIOR COURT - METROPOLITAN DIVISION - JUSTICE BUILDING**

Judicial Officer	Courtroom:
Comm. Vega	Division E
Comm. McKnight	Division F

**SUPERIOR COURT - NORTH DIVISION**

Judicial Officer	Courtroom:
Judge Ingle	Division A - Shafter
Judge McDaniel	Division B - ShafterDelano
Judge Chase	Division A - Delano